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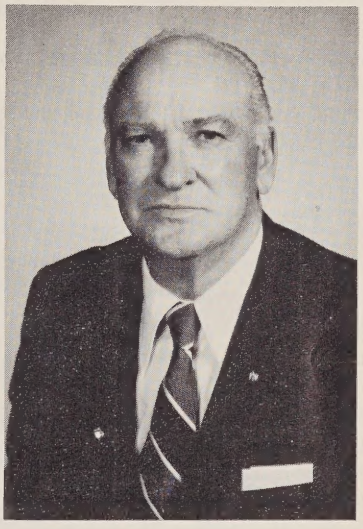

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R. L. PUGH, 33°

The "New Horizon's Reunion" was a great success ~~138~~ candidates showed up to receive the 32°, and each of them was frank to say he had received more inspiration during the three days of the Reunion than at any other time in his life. The Class was not as large as we had hoped for, but nevertheless happiness reigns supreme among all our Brethren and the Reunion can be termed as one of our best! The degree teams performed excellently and appeared to feel the presence of a great challenge. Another great feature of our Reunion - which is also one of our newest additions - was the superb quality of music presented by our wonderful choir under the direction of Gus Laube, 32°, K.C.C.H. This choir is growing in every way and we have every reason to feel proud of their part in the Reunion.

The Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Leslie H. Garner, 33°, of Greenville, was present and brought greetings from himself and from the Grand Lodge to the Brethren during the Wednesday evening dinner hour.

Our Inspector General in North Carolina, Ill. Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, was also able to be present with us at this time. You will recall that he was unable to attend our Reunion in the Fall because of major surgery. He has experienced a wonderful recovery and now looks like his former self. Surely it was a joy to welcome him and his charming wife, Sarah, to our Reunion. He also brought greetings and congratulations to our Brethren on their activities and their successes in Scottish Rite.

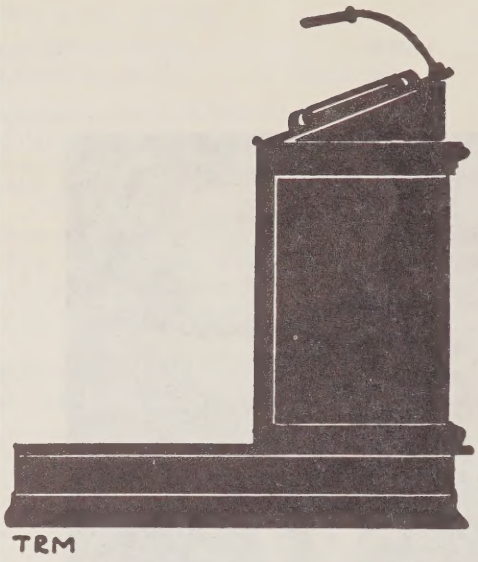
This is the last issue of the BAGPIPE for the Spring and we will not resume its publication until the October issue. Let us, therefore, express our gratitude for the wonderful class of new members who took the degrees at this time. These Brethren were truly inspired and, in proof of their inspiration they pledged their every effort to bring back a candidate for the next Reunion, November 15, 16 and 17. They are now our very best salesmen and we can depend upon them to carry back to their respective homes the beautiful story of the Scottish Rite and of their wonderful three day stay in New Bern for the "New Horizons Reunion".

Have a great summer, therefore, my Brethren - and may it be the happiest summer you have ever experienced, but above all, and beyond all, do not forget to continue your support of our forthcoming Fall Reunion. Let's keep our interest moving ahead with tremendous enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

R. L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

What Does Scottish Masonry Say To You?

The Spring Reunion is over; another fine and wonderful group of Brethren are in the fold. What does this mean? They now belong to a glorious, wonderful movement. What does Scottish Masonry say to you? I am afraid that it speaks a different language to some people, or perhaps I should say some peaple hear the words differently. What we hear means the interpretation we put on it, and how nearly we act the part out in our daily living.

Freemasonry for years has been defined as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Morality comes close home to each one of us because it concerns us; without the fruits of our morality our religion is barren.

There is a depth to Scottish Masonry of unknown proportions, for if we study its purposes, we find new meanings and a noble philosophy. We find new avenues of service to God and to mankind. We really serve God, by serving His children here on this earth and its institutions. If we do not do this, who will do it?

One of the great lessons of Scottish Masonry is found within each human heart. What does Scottish Masonry say to you and what do you propose to do about it? It unites men of various sects, creeds, and opinions who might otherwise have remained at a distance. Its real beauty does not appear until it is put to work. Then it shows in abundance with clarity and effect. This does not mean in the lodge room alone, but in our community, our state and our nation.

What did Scottish Masonry say to you? May I take a moment to tell you what it said to me? *Scottish Masonry told me that what holds this world together is not chemistry, weapons and guns, but spirituality, forgiveness and hope: not blind chance but an eternal purpose. We are and represent one of God's greatest creations and we certainly were not just put here on this planet by this great Creator, to mean nothing, to do nothing and to be nothing. Truth conquers evil and love is all powerful. There is and must be a Divine Creator to whom we should look for guidance and forgiveness. We show our love to this Creator when we extend it to our fellowmen. I saw in Scottish Rite Masonry - Love for God, Love for self, Love for fellowmen, Love for country and Love for our free institutions, our Public Schools, our churches and our Universities.*

What does Scottish Masonry say to you? The answer to this question and to many others resides within you, for that is its home.

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The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud to welcome a new Grand Master: Most Worshipful Brother James Earl Watson, 32°, K.C.C.H. Brother Watson is a dedicated Mason, one whom we predict will bring added glory and dignity to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He hails from the beautiful little mountain community of Mount Airy, and is already plunging heavily into his responsibilities as Grand Master for the year. Incidentallly, he has already agreed to be the guest of the New Bern Bodies at the Fall Reunion on November 15, 16 and 17, and we look forward to the privilege of presenting him to our Brethren at that time.

He was born July 11, 1915, to Ambrose P. and Kate Mills Watson, one of 6 children, and is married to the former Dorothy Francis Jones and they have two sons, Kenny Russell Watson and Mickey Dean Watson and one granddaughter. Both sons are members of the Masonic Fraternity and the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Brother Watson was educated in the Surry County Schools and at State College School of Textiles.

He is a member of Central United Methodist Church, having served as President of Sunday School, a member of the official board, member of finance committee and is an usher at present time.

He was raised July 17, 1945, in Granite Lodge No. 332, Mount Airy, N. C., transferred to Renfro Lodge No. 691 under dispensation in 1950 under Most Worshipful H. M. Foy, P.G.M. Served as Master of Renfro No. 691 in 1952; passed Certified Lecturers Examination in 1956 and is a member of the following bodies:

Winston-Salem Consistory of the Scottish Rite Bodies, and is a 32°, KCCH

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Recipient of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH)

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Member Surry Shrine Club (Director)

Received grade of Thrice Illustrious Master

Member North Carolina College Societas Rosicruciana Incivitatibus Foedertis

Member Triangular Council No. 45, Allied Masonic Degrees

Member Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of N. C.

Member Red Cross of Constantine

Member Mount Airy Chapter No. 18 Order of Eastern Star (Past Patron)

Member Travelers Protection Association of America (State Director)

15 years in Boy Scouts of America as an advisor and director

Recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal

Bro. Watson started as an office boy in 1926 with Spencer's, Inc. of Mount Airy, North Carolina, formerly Mt. Airy Knitting Co., manufacturer of childrens and infant's sleepwear and underwear. He is presently serving as Vice President, Secretary and Director of the Corporation.

Our new Grand Master is interested in civic affairs and has served in the following capacities:

Past President and Director Chamber of Commerce of Mt. Airy

Past President and Director Mt. Airy Lions Club

Member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Served the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Dept. for 33 years (retired as captain)

Received Fireman of the Year Award

Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Mt. Airy, N. C.

Golf and farming are hobbies of Brother Watson.

And thus, with such an interesting and most active background as this, Masons throughout North Carolina have every reason to believe that the coming year under the direction of this dedicated leader will be a most profitable one. Masonry thus predicts another year of significant achievements in the history of our great fraternity in North Carolina. All hail to the new Grand Master and may God richly bless him as he leads the Craft!

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Forget you're not a millionaire,
Forget the coffee when it's cold,
Forget the knock, forget to scold,
Forget to even get the blues,
And, forget to spread the unkind news!

Selected

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Speaking in Quotes: Those persons who need love most are the hardest to give it to.

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Most people don't change their minds, they just reshuffle their prejudices.

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Grandpa says driving was a lot simpler when the horse wore the harness.

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You do not live a hundred years, yet you worry enough for a thousand.

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—Confucius

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The reason that so many Congressmen are so anxious to be re-elected is that they'd hate to try to make a living under the laws they passed.

—Journeyman Barber

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Keeping your chin up helps keep your mouth shut.

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Speaking With the Ladies: Teacher: "How old would a person be who was born in 1920?"

Smart pupil: "Man or woman?"

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Conductor: "You will have to pay full fare for that child, lady. He's over twelve."

Passenger: "How can he be over twelve when I've only been married ten years."

Conductor: "Lady, I just collect fares -not confessions."

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Down south for a visit, the young Yankee made a date with a local lovely. When he called for her at her home, she was clad in a low-cut, tight-fitting gown. He remarked, "That's a beautiful dress."

"Sho' nough?" she drawled.

"It sure does."

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If all brides are beautiful, where do so many ugly women come from?

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Husband: "Darling, don't you think you're being a wee bit extravagant? You've had four electric fans running all day."

Bride: "Don't worry about it, dearest. They're not our fans; I borrowed them from the neighbors."

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She's the kind of a girl who doesn't care for a man's company - unless he owns it.

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It was baking day and the busy farm wife was being assisted by her ten-year-old daughter.

"Pearl", she said, "open the oven and see if that coffee cake is baked. Just stick in a knife and see if it comes out clean."

Pearl returned in a few minutes and said, "Mom, the knife came out so clean I stuck in all the other dirty knives."

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Speaking in Jest: The burglars had tied and gagged the bank cashier after extracting the combination to the safe and had herded the other employees into a separate room under guard. After they rifled the safe and were about to leave the cashier made desperate pleading noises through the gag. Moved by curiosity one of the burglars loosened the gag.

"Please!" whispered the cashier, "take the books, too: I'm $6,500 short."

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Zoo visitors were amazed to see a cage, labeled "Coexistence," containing a lion and some lambs.

The zoo director explained there was nothing to it. "Just add a few fresh lambs every now and then."

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An eager-beaver salesman was trying to have a country storekeeper carry his product, and finally tried to bribe him with a bottle of champagne.

"Oh, my conscience wouldn't allow me to take a gift," the merchant protested.

"What if I sell it to you for a dime?" asked the salesman.

"In that case," replied the merchant, "I'll take two."

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A very nice looking young lady walked into a sporting goods store and ordered all the necessary equipment for a baseball game including a baseball, bat, a catcher's mit, and a catcher's mask.

"Are you sure you want all these?" asked the salesman.

The girl replied, "Yes I do, my boss said if I'd play ball with him we'd get along fine."

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It happened in a teenage rock-n-roll joint. The waiter dropped a tray of dishes and six couples got up to dance.

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A taxpayer received a strongly worded "second notice" that his taxes were overdue. Hastening to the collector's office, he paid the bill, apologizing that he had overlooked the first notice.

"Oh," confided the collector with a smile, "we don't send out first notices. We have found that the second notices are more effective."

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Speaking From His Book: As he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Prov. 23.7

James H. Bailey, Scottish Rite Mason and Grand Chaplain for Grand Lodge, has a new book published by Abingdon Press, **The Miracles of Jesus For Today.** This book can be purchased at any local Book Store or ordered from Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church, 510 South Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834.

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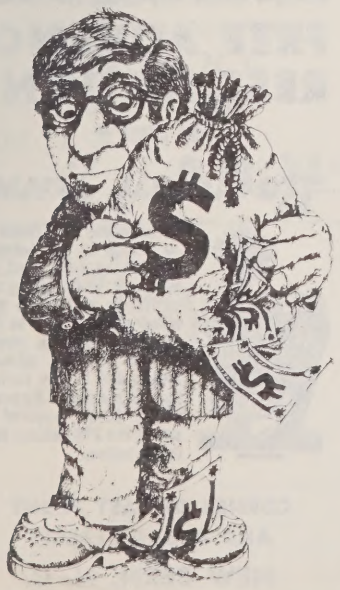

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SOMETHING ELSE

Now and then I read a news account of some man masquerading as a woman. He will get all gussied up in a dress and high heels and nylons and all that stuff, including a purse and makeup. Webster calls 'em transvestites . . . says they have a compulsive need to dress in garments appropriate to members of the opposite sex.

I was a transvestite once, but it was under extreme duress. It surely wasn't my idea.

It was about the second grade, I think, and our teacher decided that the class would present a chapel program about Little Red Riding Hood. Had she stuck with the original version, there would have been no problem. But that wasn't good enough for her, she had to go off somewhere and find this play - it was a kind of operetta - that called for a regular plethora of Little Reds. What all these little charmers had to do was get out on the stage and prance and cavort around, and sing and sprinkle flowers all over the place, and do just about everything except get on down the road and see how Grandma was making out - which I had always thought was about the most necessary thing in the story. Anyway, this play was set up for a whole gaggle of Little Reds and I reckon it was calculated to confuse the wolf, with so many Little Red Riding Hoods frisking about he was for sure going to have a right hard time deciding which was the plumpest and the tenderest.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Now ours was a small rural school and there just were not enough little girls in our class to round out the full complement of Little Reds called for in the script - we were three short. You think that fazed our teacher? Not a whit. She simply picked three boys to fill the gap. I was one of the three.

I want you to know that was one of the darkest days of my life. We who were the chosen three had to endure the cruelest jeers and taunts imaginable from the other boys in the class. As if that were not enough, the girls were mad at us too - they didn't want "any old boys" out there dancing around with them. It was just about one of the unhappiest kind of situations that could even be thought of.

My parents would, I confidently felt, readily perceive the injustice of the thing and would prevail upon the teacher to strike my name from the list of martyrs.

Not so. By a long sight, not so. Mother was delighted! She could hardly wait to begin making my DRESS! A RED dress! A dress just like all the other Little Red Riding Hoods would wear. I had to stand still for fittings and all that sort of

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thing, and the shades weren't even drawn.

I went down to the creek and wondered if I could somehow forget how to swim if I should jump in.

I wandered over to the railroad tracks and contemplated throwing myself beneath the wheels of the first passing train.

Running away from home, swallowing poison, contracting smallpox, getting bit by a mad dog . . . these and other attractive possibilities occurred to me.

When we had a dress rehearsal I left my dress crumpled in a tight ball beneath some broken chairs. It was promptly discovered and returned to Mother.

I "accidentally" ripped a great hole in the dress. Mother fixed it.

On the morning of the dreaded day I developed, in rapid succession, a splitting headache, croup, severe nausea, leg cramps and blurred vision. None of these afflictions appeared to cause great concern. I was packed off to school. I was not entrusted with the dress, Mother took it along later.

It is not possible to describe the humiliation I endured that day. We sang, we danced, we dribbled flowers. I strove desperately to keep my head always turned from the audience, gazing longingly at the back curtain, the teacher hissing at me from the wings.

When it was all over, when at last the hated dress had been removed, and when I was just beginning to feel that maybe life WAS worth living after all, I overhead one of the other women tell Mother how "utterly darling" I had looked. I wanted to DIE!

I'll tell you something. Those men who feel the compulsion to dress up like women can go right ahead and do their thing, I've already had my first and last experience (there was one other time, but that's another story). And I'll tell you something else. To this day I don't have a whole lot of use for Little Red Riding Hood.

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1. Eddie Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., being presented Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Venerable Master, 1976-77.
2. Lottie Pugh pinning corsage on Sarah Johnston, wife of our Inspector General.
3. Our guest for the Reunion, Mrs. Lloyd Wilkerson, being greeted by an old friend.
4. Our Inspector General, James G. Johnston, 33°, greeting the audience. Major General Lloyd Wilkerson also shown, spent the entire Reunion with us.
5. James W. Brewer, 33°, introducing distinguished guests.

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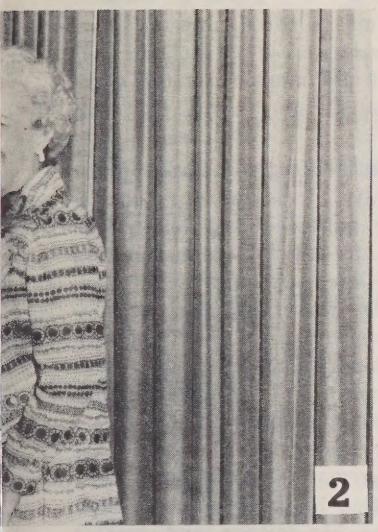

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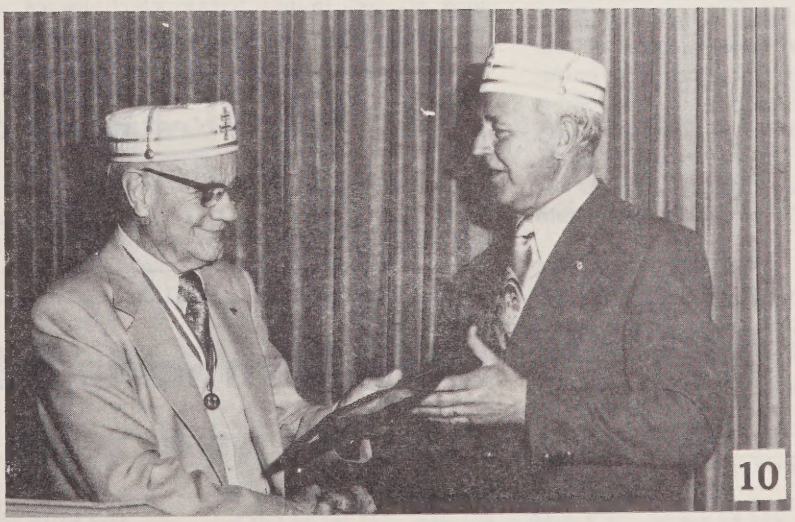

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6. Major General Lloyd Wilkerson assisting his charming wife as she is presented.
7. Wednesday night was the Grand Master's night, Most Worshipful Brother Leslie H. Garner, 33°. He delighted the crowd with his presentation.
8. The Secretary presenting new Masonic books to the group.
9. An interesting picture of the Inspector General and his wife, Sarah.
10. S. Frank Noble, Jr., 33°, receiving award as the New Bern Scottish Rite Club's "Man of the Year for 1976".

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

READING OR MAKING HISTORY?

It was not so long ago that we North Carolina Masons began our historic pilgrimage. Many speeches were made. Many fond memories were revived. Many glories were expounded. Yet, is that enough? For over thirty years I have studied history and philosophy. I have come to the conclusion that the answer to this question is "no"!

It is a great thing to have a historic past; it is a better thing to make history. An ancient prophet, Jeremiah by name, proclaimed the call to each of us today: "Set up road signs marking the way . . . mark your pathway well." Masonry must work in the quarries today - not simply revel in past accomplishments. We each had his contribution to make to our common life. How best can it be than in this ancient man's admonition?

Travelers usually have reason to be thankful for those who left signs and indications along the way. All modes of movement today are dependent upon the guides given. One can ride the water ways, the air, or the roads with a sense of confidence due to the fact that there are check points which will bring us through the clouds, around the sand bars, and along the roads. We are, thereby, somewhat assured of our destination being reached with reasonable safety. We have the duty of making some essential contribution to the life of the nation that will be the standard for future generations and a guide to follow. God commands that we mark well the pathway we lay out. We are vividly made sober by the realization that our duty as Masons is to guide men unto all Truth. How?

Personal living should make the way to God and worthwhile living. We remember that we live in a secular world - an age when men and women seemingly have ceased to care about the presence of God. An essential contribution which the Mason must make in our day is to renew a basic belief concerning,

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

and a conviction and dedication to the things setforth by the Great Architect of the Universe. Life has no real meaning without these things. Does my life and your life stand as guideposts pointing others to an unshakable faith in Him? Are men turned to God or away from Him when they see our living and hear our words? Allowing for the fact that none of us is perfect, there should be a constancy and a consistency - a "singleness of eye" in our living which leaves no doubt where we stand and in whom we put our trust.

So shall my walk be close to God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

If this becomes true of us, it will certainly make of us "markers of the way" that leads others safely along the road to God.

Then, our masonic life should mark the way to unity. It is the duty of Masonry to give guidance and leadership. Each new era has found Masonry making some contribution to the unity of mankind. The past must ever be the prologue to greater things. If the Twentieth Century can heal its divisions, we shall add to the making of a noble history beyond measuring. We are invited to set road signs for the disunited world. Let us rise up "as men of God" and show that love for God in the heart of a man brings love for his fellows and creates a new fellowship. In the long run this is the only type of man who makes a lasting contribution.

We must, likewise, set the road signs to moral control. History affirms that civilizations have fallen, not for lack of physical force, but from within by the loss of moral control. We must set the example in moral control. To each of us comes the challenge: "as you travel set up road signs marking the way." . . . road signs by which others may venture farther along the way that leads to God. . . . road signs into whose creation we may throw all our energy of mind and soul. Thus shall men find the touchstone to life that is worthwhile and abundant.

"Set up road signs marking the way . . . mark well your pathway." SO MOTE IT BE!

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Thursday night, March 10, 1977, at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, N. C. at 7 P.M. A delicious oyster roast was enjoyed by the members and their ladies. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage each one to get a prospect to put his signature on an application, for the Spring Reunion is at hand, and no time is to be lost.

In this age, men have reached a place of "ever learning but never coming into the knowledge of the truth." They acquire information but cannot use it to solve their problems. When the problems get too great, they walk away.

They are like the son whose father bought him a piece of land and the best seed that money could buy, then sent the young man forth to work his land and reap a harvest.

When the son came to the land, he found it full of brush and trees. He said, "My father has bought me a place of no worth", and he laid the seed upon the ground and walked away.

His seed was the knowledge that he had acquired. The land was his own life that had been allowed to grow as it chose - wild and free. When the time came to plant the knowledge in the land so that it might produce, the son found himself unable to clear the land.

He returned to his father in bitterness and anger, accusing him of giving him unworthy land. In all the years of his youth he was not taught to discipline himself to work and clear the land for productive living.

His end was like the frustration of our youth today. They have the best "seed" available, but land that is totally unable to receive it, totally undisciplined and overgrown with self-indulgence.

They have been their parents' equals without effort all the years of their youth and they will not give up their right to this equality to earn something for themselves.

They are not disciplined enough to look at the problem realistically and so they see no hope. They are not taught to receive correction and so they reject the clearing of their land for more productive living.

Our youth face the future without hope and so they blame their parents, look for causes and justifications for their failures to produce, and refuse to look at the real cause.

When parents give their children equal status with themselves, they rob them of the chance to learn. Rights are earned, and there is no automatic equality in life in any country. When our children are given to believe in their "rights" they are given honor before honor is due. They feel "destroyed" because the world does not give what they have learned to expect.

Equality is, in truth, the equal right of each person to use his talents to his highest ability. There is no equality without acceptance of responsibility. Every man has the equal right to do that which he can do to his fullest extent and thereby have respect in himself.

The cry today is for equality and justice. Then enactment of more laws or the relaxing of some, the strict enforcement of law on the one hand or compromise on the other, is not going to bring peace. It does not bring peace to the man who governs himself in this manner - strict on one hand and indulgent on the other - and it is not going to bring a solution to this country's problems either.

In both the religious communities and the youthful rebellions of today, this is apparent. The destruction of law and order, the overthrow or constant undermining of the government by radicals and religious leaders alike will not bring peace.

The emotional movements that cause men to bomb and reign in terror or turn to "God" and renounce life completely will not answer the cry of the people to be free from fear.

These movements - the radical, political and the fanatical religious - only inspire more fear by their loud denunciation of that which exists. This is not the truth of our situation; it is only the emotional reaction of a people without hope who must "preach" and cry out to alleviate their own fears.

Those who choose to attack the world and all its ills instead of changing their own lives to produce something better are still demanding of the world that it produce for them without their effort.

Whether they be religious or political, they are the "blind leading the blind" and the end for both is frustrating darkness. Rebellion without a sound alternative course is foolishness.

If you manage to destroy the "enemy" but have nothing productive to offer in its place, it will lead to utter confusion and the problems will multiply.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," the writer of Proverbs said, Blind eyes need to be opened and men need courage to face the realities of our situation. But instead of being consumed with fear they need faith .

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fear of the "enemy". To fear the "enemy" is to give him power. We can rob fear of power by having faith and hope; not unrealistic, blind hope, but a hope based in truth and a faith deeply embedded in God.

Encourage your Blue Lodge brother, show him that "Scottish Rite Masonry" is an avenue that will lead him into this kind of faith, that will enable, enrich, and strengthen his life, dispell the darkness, and lead him into the light.

Wilmer C. Chesson,
Secretary Pro-Tem

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, April 3 at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. This was a charcoal steak cook-out, with 31 members present. Herman Jones and Jimmy Saleeby with their wives hosted the occasion. Mrs. Chester Jackson was the guest of Herman and Mrs. Jones.

President Meyer Libman presided and Julian Vann gave the invocation.

Atfer supper the ladies enjoyed a delightful 'social hour' and the men retired for a business session.

In the absence of the Secretary, the minutes were omitted. The Treasurer's report was approved.

President Libman read a letter from Secretary Robert L. Pugh of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. A lengthy discussion followed regarding candidates for the Reunion which will be held in New Bern on April 12-14.

Ashley Leggett announced that Rev. Ray Alexander, who is a member of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club will deliver the principal address of the Maundy Thursday service which will be held at the Temple in New Bern. Several members are planning to attend and it was decided that all interested members who are planning to attend should gather at the Washington Lodge 675 not later than 6:30 P.M. Thursday April 7th. Refreshments will be served at 8 o'clock in the Temple.

Jimmy Saleeby was appointed Chairman of the Host Committee for the remainder of 1977.

There was a lengthy discussion of the mmebership of the club and how to increase attendance. It was pointed out that there are over 200 Scottish Rite members in Beaufort County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Ashley G. Leggett, KCCH

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held their regular monthly meeting Monday night, April 4th, 1977 at 8:30 P.M. in the Franklin Lodge No. 109, A.F.&A.M. building in Beaufort, N. C. The meeting was called to order by the President, Bro. Tom Carraway, 32°. There were three officers and eighteen members present.

The upcoming reunion was discussed at length. The Ladies Night held March 25th was a very good meeting, attended by about 200 members, candidates and wives.

Bro. Charlie T. Potter, 33°, gave a very enlightening message which was enjoyed by all.

On new business, it was decided that the club would move their meeting night from the first Monday to the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Meeting to be held at Franklin Lodge No. 109 A.F.&A.M., Beaufort, N. C.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. for refreshments.

Fraternally,
Harry V. Willis, 32°,KCCH
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

On Thursday 8:00 P.M., at Hall's Lodge there were 39 brethren present for the service of extinguishing the lights. The degree team did a marvelous job which was enjoyed by all.

During the ceremony, there was a letter read by Lindsey Howard, President, from Brother Bob Pugh, on Easter.

After the ceremony was over, refreshments were served, which were enjoyed by all.

On Sunday 7:00 A.M., at Eureka Lodge, Elizabeth City, there was a delicious breakfast cooked by Bros. Louis Bell, 32°, and George Meads, 32°. There were 50 brethren present. There was good fellowship along with the breakfast.

Then all went up to the lodge room for the ceremony of lighting the light, the degree team did another very fine performance. This was enjoyed by all the brethren. Bro. Walter Kirby, 33°, invited all to attend the reunion in New Bern.

Fraternally yours,
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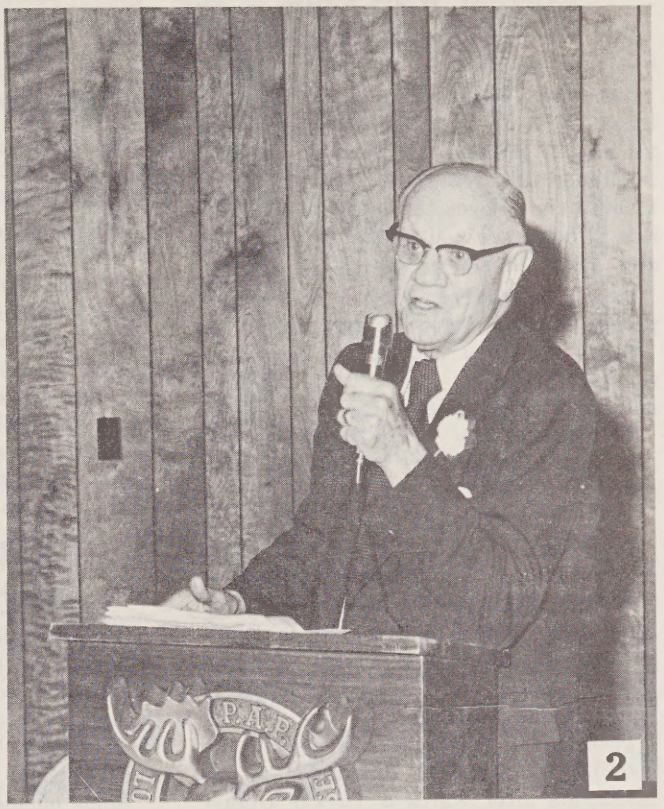

1. Jim McLaughlin, E. W. Paul, Jr., Robert L. Pugh and Reynold Davenport.
2. The Speaker of the evening, our Secretary, Robert L. Pugh,
3. Eddie Paul talking about the forthcoming Reunion and introducing the speaker.
4. The largest crowd yet assembled for a party in Jacksonville - 250 in the Moore Lodge Building to enjoy a dinner prepared by Odell Gladson, a wonderful chef!

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held two meetings in March.

The first was held in Oak City on March 2, Brother Robert Andrews and his lady, Anne, served a Barbecued Chicken dinner fit for a King. Approximately 35 brothers enjoyed the meal greatly. At this meeting we made plans for our Ladies Night Banquet.

It was announced that we had 8 prospective candidates for the spring reunion.

Sister Andrews had baked two cakes for door prizes at this meeting, the winners were the envy of everyone.

There being no further business, Brother Andrews dismissed the meeting with prayer.

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On March 30, at the Town And Country Restaurant, the Martin County Scottish Rite Club in cooperation with the New Bern Bodies held a Ladies Night Banquet. Approximately one hundred Master Masons and their ladies from Martin County attended.

President Robert Andrews opened the meeting, Brother Ben Hopkins gave the invocation after which a Turkey Dinner was served. Brother George Bagley welcomed the ladies, and Brother Fred Oglesby welcomed and recognized our special guests, the candidates.

Brother Andrews introduced Brother Jimmy Brewer who introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Judge J.W.H. Roberts whose subject was Masonry and Our Society. Brother Roberts also told the ladies where they could find all the secrets of Masonry.

After the address Brother Hilton Forbes introduced Mr. Joe Hester, his wife, Joyce, and Mrs. Edna Baggett who presented a program of "Old Time Gospel Music" enjoyed by everyone. After the program Brother Richard Parsons dismissed the meeting with the Benediction. The next meeting will be held at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston, on May 4, 1977.

Fraternally yours,
Glenn Henline, Scribe

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The Morehead City Scottish Rite Club met Tuesday evening, March 22, 1977 at Ocean Lodge No. 405. There were thirty members present.

Everyone was reminded of the Scottish Rite Ladies Nite at the Carteret County Shrine Club. It was also discussed that we get petitions in for the Spring Reunion. There being no other business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas A. Wade, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club met at Tuck Webb's cottage on the Albemarle Sound March 11. A steak cookout was enjoyed by everyone. There were 24 members and several candidates for Scottish Rite degrees were invited.

Some business was discussed and much fellowship was had among the brothers.

Sincerely,
C. D. Spivey, Sr., Secretary

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

On April 1 the Swansboro Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting, this was also Ladies Night.

Prospective candidates for the Spring Reunion were also welcomed as were their ladies.

The meeting was called to order by club President Bro. Nick Grdinick who turned it over to Rev. J. A. McLaughlin who after some welcoming words introduced Rev. Cox who gave a beautiful invocation.

After the invocation a catered meal of Bar-B-Cue and fried chicken was served. Our lovely ladies not to be out done by professional cooks topped the lovely meal with some of the most delectable cakes and pies in the whole North State.

Up to this point the gathering was great, then it got better with the introduction of the Illustrious R. L. Pugh, whose articulate and very informative speeches which have for years defied adjectives with which to describe them, did the usual superlative job which has become his trademark. This was one of two high points of a fraternally wonderful get together.

Next we had the enviable pleasure of listening to one of the finest groups of singers in the state of North Carolina. The Boys of Bethlehem sang some of the grandest gospel music ever heard by anyone anywhere. We are sure the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Jacksonville N. C. is very proud of these fine exponents of the most inspiring music in the world.

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close with a prayer and an invitation for everyone to be back on the first Friday of March.

Fraternally,
Conrado G. Garcia, Secretary

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Distinguished Visitor

During our Reunion we had a delightful visit from a Scottish Rite Mason who has been living in Pascagoula, Mississippi for a number of years, but who is a native of Beaufort, North Carolina and his mother still resides there. Several weeks before the Reunion he wrote us that he wanted to visit with us and to see some of his old friends and relatives from Carteret County. We immediately contacted them and asked that they make a special effort to attend our Reunion and renew their associations with this good brother. He is Capt. Kenneth H. Willis, Sr., geneeral manager of F. B. Walker & Sons, Inc., dealing in shipyards, towing, and drydocks in Pascagoula. You will be interested in the letter he wrote us after his visit and for that reason we are quoting it in full:

18 April, 1977
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Mr. Robert L. Pugh, 33°
SECRETARY, A.A.S.R.F.M.
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Dear Brother Bob:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for the most generous hospitality which was extended to me at the "NEW HORIZONS REUNION". I can not find words adequate to express my appreciation. I really was made to feel at home. If *Tom Wolfe* had been a native of Eastern North Carolina he would never had occasion to write, "you can't go home again"; rather he would have written "you can go home again, and you should - - the sooner-the-better, because you don't know what you are missing". Again let me say that I really received so much enlightment in those three days, I am eternally indebted to you and all the Brethren for all that I received.

The Degree Work was absolutely fabulous, from the stage scenery to the [redacted] tionally, let me say that the lecture which you gave was the greatest single piece of Masonic Degree Work which I ever had the good fortune and pleasure to experience. That alone would have made the trip worthwhile.

Please extend my sincere thanks to all the Brethren, but more especially to Brother Nelson B. Banks, 33°, and Brother "Shorty" Kafer, 33°, for their fine work, and to Brother Charlie Potter, 33° for his outstanding contribution - - I must have gained ten pounds. Also the ladies of the Eastern Star are to be commended for their outstanding job. Suffice it to say that every thing was absolutely perfect, from the hospitality, degree work and food, to the weather. I have a feeling that I will be back again, I look forward to it. I bless "Bill" Bailey's memory as he is to be credited with inspiring me to attend.

In closing I wish to say that I have never traveled farther, contributed less, and received more than I did last week. I sincerely wish that every S. R. Mason in this part of the country could experience it as I did.

If you are ever in this area, please call me. I am forty miles West of Mobile, Ala., and one hundred miles East of New Orleans, La., on U. S. Hwy. 90.

Thanking you again, I remain
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